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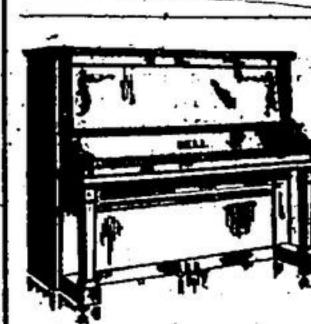
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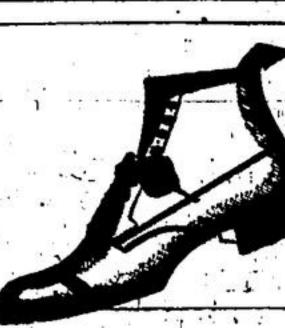
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And God who knows who are Will give you strength for strife."

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Adventures in Shares

8 Bertha Osborn left the dusty highway and turned into the wide tree-bordered lane leadlog up to Squire Henshaw's farmhouse, she saw that one of the three men seated on the broad, suppy porch was the squire bimeelf, and a little chill of dread awont over her. All the way out from the village she had been hoping to find him away from bome to that the little business on which she was bout might by Transacted with kind-faced, quiet mannered Mrs. Henshaw. The squire was so graff and loquisitive. But the squire was at bome and when she neared the house she beard bles rour: "No sir ! I'll let every last one of

them-air pertators lie in that-air south field and rot afore I'll give a man two dollars a day to dig 'em out." Going up she met the two men at whose the vigorous declaration had been hurled, and felt augoyed at their amiles of amusement. The prospect

of an laterview with Squire Heashaw hold no amprement for her. Then Mrs. Heashaw came out to meet her and ber courage stiffened. "I'm glad to see you, dear," said the gracious little woman, bringing s chair for her visitor, "and if you don't

mind we'll sit out here with pa. Since be got that kink in his back he likes to set out in the sun." Bertha looked at the squire in sur-

Tited back in a stout wooden rocker with his beavily booted feet braced against the porch rail and a patchwork bed quilt of many colors drawn tightly around his shoulders, the old man cut so grotosque a figure that the

girl felt a strong desire to laugh, but or more in that-air lot." instead she said: "I didn't know that you were sick,

Mr. Houshaw." The equire ecowled at ber inhospit-"I sin't sick," be growled. "I'd be

ere kink in my back; but I'm complotely petered, I am." "It ketched him so andden like," began Mrs. Henshaw, but her husband

Interrupted with a scort. "Yes, and it couldn't a ketched me In a worse time, just in pertator diggin'. Here I am and not a hill of pertatore dur in the south lot. You doe't happen to know of a man in town who wants to dig pertators on shares, do You, Young Woman."

"No. I do not. Mr. Hensbaw." "Of coarse you don't," complained the squire, with a hard little chackle. "none of 'em wants to work. Where's that strapple' big brother of yours can't be dir pertators !" Bortha Osborn's protty face reddened, but she answered quietly:

"Robert is working in Lawyer Dillon's office now." "Goin' to make a lawyer of bisself?"

"Hump! What this 'ere' country needs is loss lawyers and more workin' meg. In the endurin' fifty years I've lived on this 'ere farm, I've never

needed a lawyer once, not once ! But I'm always bunting someone to do day's work for me." Slience followed this statement and Berths select the opportunity to mention ber errand.

ask you if you could sell her ten bushels of Late Rose potators, and de. Hver them. Squire Henshaw brought his feet to the floor, with & thud and attempted to rice but the "kink" interfered and be

sank in ble chair with a grimace of pain. Glaring at Bortha from beneath his sharry brows he exploded : "How does your me expect me to stay there."

ply, so the surprised girl stammered: laughed sloud. "I do not know, sir."

"Don't my that, pay it gounds right !. That afternoun, when going out to Acton, wicked," remonstrated little Mrs. Hop- Squire Henshaw's, the mile of country

fertilizers, afore one of them-air seed thoughts carried far shead. were covered in the bill ? And didn't luggin' and tuggin' ?"

good-naturedly. "I goess we'l! live through it, pa."

"I guess you fall to sense the seriousday to help me dig them-air three bundred bushels of Irish cobblers, and | esger to lead a belping band. I'll not pay a cent more to get them-

possible. Be the new to go but the farmer motioned her back. tell your ma to send that boy of bern, what's got the legal itch, out here to refreiend from mentioning the matter dig them-air pertators, and I'll give to outsiders, Jim had spread his side

bits balf of what's in the field." "But Robert le not at bome Mr. Houshaw," said the distressed girl, This is court week, you know, and be of finality.

group, then, as if acting on a sudden impulse. Bertha took an eager step toward ber bost and asked : I'll dig them "

this unexpected move in his own game | where the money went and aren't Squire Henshaw could only ejaculate: "If I over I" But kind Mrs. Heashaw hastened to

ftt illering potatore is hard work." get in on potato deals." "Why couldn't she ?" demanded the

mind to It." astic voice that answered: "I am sure of it Mr. Honshaw: please let me try." Then to the little woman, who was holding up her hands in protest, "It broad stone wall that enclosed the lo can't be any harder than gymnasium | Bertha drank in the beauty of the practice and basket ball, and I play fresh, bracing morning and front

with the team every week." "Then you'll do," said the squire. "for that-sir, fool game arous to me more like work than anything elec. But this 'ere pertater game can't be played in an hour or two, young woman. I calculate there's fifty bushels Bertha's steady gray oyes sparkled

as they met the admiring gaze of the sturdy old farmer.

left will help-" She broke off in sudbravely added: "Will belo buy the things that mother needs for winter. Please tell me, when may I commence my job?" As the equire booksted she exclaim-

> ly you aren't going to back out !" "Back out !" There was indignation in the old voice. "I ain't never squeel-

ed out of anything yet, young woman, turning out well; better than she and I don't calculate to begin on this knew. But when a long blast from 'ere deal. You dig them-air pertatere and half them are yourn, fair and So, in spite of Mrs. Henshaw's pro- sigh of relief. The rows were long testations and gloomy forbodings, and the young back unused to con Bortha and the farmer arranged for tinued bending. Seated under a wide their venture in shares. She was to armed maple, whose fallen leaves call on the principal of the high school | spread a gorgeous red and gold car-

that evening and box a few days leave | pet for ber, the ate the generous lunch of absence, and the next morning, which her mother had prepared for weather permitting, she would com- her, and wondered if, after all, she mence her unusual task. ' She agreed | could "stick it ent.' to pick up and bag whatever potatoes | Many times during that back-bend the might dig rach day, and the ing. arm-acking, hand-blistering cart them to the house every evening. | end to the hilled rows in the south lot how am I to get my share bome !" berself the squire's words: saked the business-like party of the

twinkling eyes, then allowed : "Well seeing as bow you are women-folks, instead of a lasy man, I'll agree to deliver your pertators, wherever you say into the bargain."

come to dig them-air Late Rosse, see across the fields with a bag of fresh that you don't punch them full of boles | gingerenaps and many cheery words and gouge them to please with your of praise for the plucky laborer; pertator fock. I won't have 'em spoil. meny bands and much laughter light-

deliver ten bushels of them-sir Late the top of the steps, one hand pressed shaw as Bertha emptied a pail of Bosse that are under ground and likely to his side in the locality of the "kink" tubers in the bar she was holding the other clutching the guilt that open. "The squire says they're turn This direct and forcible question dangled ungracefully around his long ingouteven better than be calculated seemed to demand an immediate re- legs, and in splie of berself the girl there were over fifty bushele last "All right, Mr. Honshaw," she called | finish the job, but I never expected

perated squire, before letting lonce a tire shall go in my pile," then burried me, dear; I wish I had..." string of grievances upon his disinter. down the lane, eager to reach home Her words were out short by w and impart the news of her adventure | shouts from the Osborn children who "Them-air Late Rome are the on to ber mother, who was, even then, were picking potatoes at the lower luckiest pertaters I ever handled, Wondering how she could manage to | end of the lot. had sent ber daughter to buy.

shaw, whereupon her irate spouse per- road had seemed long and tedious enough to Hertha Osborn, but now holding up a small, bright object, Mrs. "Ain't it so? Didn't I lose that air she was not thinking of the way ; she Henshaw exclaimed : twenty dollars I had laid up to pay for was planning, planning, and ber

Jim Plokle, the best hand I ever had, mental arithmetic, she figured her never-" She stopped abruptly, as if get mad and leave me all on account share in the nadug potatoes always unwilling to voice the equire's unof that money? And ain't everything counting out the ten bushele needed founded suspicion; then, closing her run behind all summer just because I for the home cellar-into warm foot- hand tightly over the recovered money couldn't fill Jim's place? And ain't I wear for her younger sisters, a much- as if afraid that it might again escape got this kink in my back account of needed cost for her mother and new them, she added : English books for herself. The books In the face of this celemitous recital were more than uncessary, they were right home with this and give pa Berthe felfly qualled, but Mrs. Hen- indisprasible. She must fluish her surprise; maybe it will cure the kink shaw, who knew that the squire's school work as soon as possible, in in his back." bark was worse than his bite, laughed order to take a teacher's place and The sun was low in the west when become a wage earner. The little Bertha Osborn, weary but triumphant home must be paid for and the young. went up the farmbouse steps for a or children educated, and the widowed | final interview with Squire Heashaw. ness of this 'ere situation, woman. I mother could not much longer bear The old man's manner was less gruff,

air Late Roses dag. Nobedy wants to serund, she gave no thought to what of the contract. She wondered tatore this fall will go without or get the hard work involved; she was tell- bargain. Not daring to again broach the sub just got to make good."

had heard the story before, as had "Hold on, young woman. You just nearly everyone in the little village. for although the squire had carefully of the story broadcast."

"And I might better have kept my later. "I was with him five years and | dollars what you dug, and ten bushels is in Woodville with Lawyer Dillon." I nin't maying be wasn't good to me. If to boot?" "He might better be at homediggin' he was as cranky and contrary as a rejoined the blustering equire in a tone | his instinuatio' that I knowed where | the old man continued : could show me that tweaty dollars and | red me of the stuff. It sin't behaved ax my pardon. But I guess I cut off itself first-class with me, but your grit "Will you give me half the potatoes my nose to spite my face, for folks may turn it into good luck, my young indignant dame, red-faced and furious, heard my story and sided with the woman." Taken completely by surprise at squire. They seem to think I do know

over anxious to give me jobe." "Poor Jim," thought Bortha as she weren't for foolish men-folks like him "My dear child, you could never do and the squire, woman-folks wouldn't

At an early hour the next morning old man, shifting stiffly in his seat, so the umbitious high-school student reas to get a better view of the strong coived final instructions from the old young figure beside him. For a full squire, whose "kink" was "still posterminute be greed critically at Bortha, in like," and with a roll of coarse canwho felt that she was being weighed | vav bage under one arm and a potato In the balances, and was more liable fork in hand, set out for her field o than not to be found wanting, then he labor. The south lot was a sunny chuckled : "I believe you could do it sheltered bit of the good old farm. young woman, if once you set your with three sides opening out into rich broad meadows, while the fourth ra close beside a maple orchard whose full-branched trees were now garbed

in brilliant autumnal colors. Pausing for a minute on top of t oschod foliage.

"It is just as good as a pic-nic, and wice as profitable," .he told heres as she clambered down the high wall 'It wasn't very pleasant, though, t have to explain the whole business t Professor Jennings last night. But ruces he wasn't much shocked for laughed a good deal for him, and said be'd take his winter notatoes of me Then she recalled what he had said

to her at parting. "I'm thinking that you will get blisters and backaches before you get to the end of your task, a fine lot of potatoes and they are high | had lived on the old homestead in this fall ; selling for seventy cents a bushel at present." She attacked the long rows of brown-

topped bills, with the energy of determination and perfect physical strength, and for a time fairly revelled in the sight of the large, smooth tub ere as she unearthed them from their mellow beds. The late roses were Mrs. Hesshaw's dinner born floated across the meadows to ber, the girl threw down the potato fork with

squire, on his part, promised that the potato seige, Bertha Osborn wondered "shiftless, half-growed boy" should in impatient disgust if there was no patiently awaiting the summeter "And when I have them all dur. but as often she grimly repeated to

"This 'ere pertator game can't second part, as she rose to go. The played in an hour or two. young party of the first part meditated with woman," and attacked the next row with renewed courage and energy. It was Saturday aftergoon and the last bill of late roses was dur and laid In the sun to dry, Bertha had brought ber two younger elaters to the field She was burrying away when the with her that morning, to help pick up and bag the last of the potatoes, "Say, young woman, when you and little Mrs. Henshaw had come ened the end of the task. "Aren" She turned to see him standing at | they beauties!" exclaimed Mrs. Hed night. He said right along that you'd "Nuther do I." confessed the area back, "every potato with a punctured. You must be a great comfort to your

"It's Pa's twenty dollar gold piece I always knowed he lost it some After several careful problems in where, and that poor Jim Finkle

"If you don't mind, dear, I will rut

and to give a man twelve shillings a the burden alone. Robert had put his if not more cordial than usual, and shoulder to the wheel and Bertha was his loud voice quite subdued as be expressed his approval of the manner In reviewing the outcome of her in which she had fulfilled her part dig win on shares, but some of the tel. outsiders might say of her deal with that he made no mention of the gold lows that are too shiftless to dig per the gruff but respected farmer, or of place that she had uncerthed in the tentious appearance who had been

'em of the town afore next apring." | ing herealf: "What a chance it is! I've "Well, young woman," he said floal- office at the opera house for a long ly, "there was good seventy bushels time, awaiting his turn, was about to ject of her errand, and wishing to get | Then she fell to thinking of Jim of pertators in that-air south lot, so buy his tickets when a richly dressed that had cost him his best hand. She square. Now, what are you goln' to growd heresif in front of him.

"I want to sell them if I can." The squire cleared himself noisily. "Which would you rather have, half of them-air Late Roses or-" be took the gold piece from his pocket and held it toward the astonished month shut," the big fellow confessed | girl : "the bull of this 'ere twenty

When Bertha besistated, too surpertaters for his widowed mother." setting ben, but I wouldn't stand for prised and confused for ready speech, her. 'Allow me to renew my suggesthis money went to: so we had bot . "You must suit yourself, but I'd A painful silence fell upon the little words and ! left him. Said I'd never advise you to take the money; 'twill turn.' do another hand's turn for him till be save you a heap of bother and -and

> So it came to pass that Bertha Osborn carried the twenty-dollar gold piece and a light heart to her mother that night; and a fow days later when turned in at her mother's wate. "If it Squire lieushaw rode to town, it was bonest Jim Finkle who drove the squire's sleek farm borses for him, and carried the ten bushels of "boot" po-

tatoss intoWidow Osboro's cellar. TWENTY YEARS AGO

The mountains must be made attrac tems From Our laune of Thursday, tive by golf links and like devices. A October 13th, 1802 the members it is not the sea that Mesers, Joseph McClure and W. R. Kenney have both taken possession of and the innumerable catch penny attheir new brick bouses on Church tractions that line it.

we have seen this year. Mr. Wm. McArthur's bare on lot &

struction by fire last week. It con-

oon. & Krin, narrowly secaped de- lost more than they know.

tained a large amount of the season's crop. The straw stack caught fire but the fire was confined there. Miss Sadie Williams, of Tottenbarr evangelist of the Methodist Church presched in the church here on Sunday. "Bear ye one another's burdens was her morning topic, and in the evening the address was evapreliatio. A branch of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle has been organized in Acton for a four year's course of

study. It will meet weekly in the bones of its members. Mr. John McGibbon, one of Halton's pioneers, died recently, at Milton. He Nassagaweya, until a few years ago. The Crewsons Corners Methodist Church was re-opened on Sunday after much repovation inside and out. Roys, Edge, Acton, and Kitching, Krin, preached at the various services. A tes-meeting on Monday night was addressed by Rev. Dr. Hannon, Guelph who gave one of the best addresses in the church's history. It is now som-

gested that the next move be for post little brick church. On Monday, Mr. David McKeown, Sr., passed away after months of suffering. He came from Co. Tyone, Ireland, in 1830, and lived 14 years in Toronts township, and then in 1844 settled on lot 0, con. I. Erin, where he spent nearly half a century. He attained a ripe old age and was highly

Mrs. Philip Hemstreet, of Metamore Mich., for years a resident of Acton. writes friends here that she is comploting her eightieth year, and though not robust, she is enjoying life, and home, and adds that "the pleasures of this life are not to be compared to the things which God has laid up for those who love Ilias." Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Matthews visited

friends at Kilbride this week. Miss Hall, of Berlin, is visiting a Mr. P. McNabb's.

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In the busy, noisy world You can bearing the cannon banging. Hear the blackemith's anvil clanging. And perhaps a banjo twanging : You can bear the great wheels whir-

All things rustling bustling, stirring.
And herhaps a possy purring.
In the busy, noisy world.

In the besy, noisy world ou can bear the train choo-chooling. Hear the engines whoo whoo whoolng And perhaps a pigeon cooing r You can bear the big bells ringing. With their ding-dong ding-dong,

dinging; And perhaps a gay child singing. In the busy noisy world.

A WELL-DROESVED REBUKE standing in line in front of the box

"Pardon me, madam," he said lift log his hat, "but I have been here half an hopr longer than you have. May ! suggest that you take your place at the other end of the line?"

"Rir." she retorted, turning flercely upon him, "I consider you a very "I don't deny it madam," he re plied, "but my wife is very much of a

the line and await your regular The man in the box office added a recommendation to the same effect. but in much less gentle terms, and the

OUT OF TOUCH WITH MATURE There is ground for the apprehension that many young people are getting so out of touch with nature that they cannot find unleyment their fathers and grandfathers did in its beauty and grandeur. It is true that people still flock to the seashore, and to the mountains, but it is not nature they want.

draws the crowd, but the board walk, It is a pity to allow our lives to Mr. John Crewson has left with us come so artificial that we cannot iman Alexander apple Ifix13; inches and agine enjoying ourselves away from weighing exactly a pound-the largest | orment sidewalks and los cream sods fountains. The young people who lose the ability to enjoy nature have

> NOT THE WORST Settlement workers go among the

poor to teach : occasionally, however, they are taught, as in an instance the Boston Post reports. One afternoon Mrs. Murphy appear ed at the settlement bouse, all dressed up in her best honnet and shawl, as is the custom. A huge black and blue spot disfigured one side of her face. however, and one eye was nearly

"Why Mrs. Murphy what is the matter?" cried one of the teachers: and then, reelising that she might have asked a tactloss heatily turned it off by saying, "Well cheer up, you might be worse off." "Bure an' I might, responded the indignant Mrs. Murphy. "I might not

pointed, as all the teachers at the house are single women.

be married at all !"-which was rather

HAVING TIME Almost everybody can find time for what he or she likes to do. The girl who is saked to lend a hand with an enterprise for helping somewhere, may be perfectly sincers when she replier. "I'd like to, but I haven't time." But if she loves reading, she will give to books time enough to discharge the service asked of her. a dosen times over. If she is social in her disposition, she will find time every day to see her friends in their homes or to entertain them in hors. And many a girl who hasn't time for social service, or for church work, or anything of that sort, can apare our full bour out of the twenty-four in doing ber bair for the evening. Few people have time for the things which do not interest them. Most of them have time for everything elec.

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